

**Table 14—Demographic characteristics of low-wage hired farmworkers compared with all hired farmworkers, 2000**

Characteristics	Annual averages			
	Low-wage hired farmworkers <sup>1</sup>		All hired farmworkers 25 years of age and older	
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Total	314	100.0	650	100.0
Racial/Ethnic group:				
White	88	27.9*	274	42.2
Hispanic	198	62.9*	326	50.2
Black and other	28	9.2	50	7.6
Gender:				
Male	241	76.8	527	81.1
Female	73	23.2	123	18.9
Age (years):				
25-34	104	33.2	204	31.4
35-44	98	31.2	208	32.0
45-54	53	16.8	127	19.6
55 and over	59	18.8	111	17.0
Median age		39*		40
Schooling completed:				
0-4 years	71	22.6	108	16.6
5-8 years	75	24.0	142	22.0
9-11 years	53	16.9	86	13.3
12 years <sup>2</sup>	75	23.9	184	28.2
13 or more years	40	12.6*	130	19.9
Citizenship status:				
U.S. citizen	161	51.2*	402	61.8
Not U.S. citizen	153	48.8*	248	38.2
Establishment:				
Crop production	187	59.6	366	56.2
Livestock production	94	29.9	227	35.0
Other	33	10.5	57	8.8
Census Region:				
Northeast	17	5.4	45	6.8
Midwest	34	10.8	101	15.6
South	103	32.9	199	30.6
West	160	50.9	305	47.0

<sup>1</sup> Low-wage workers are workers 25 years of age and older earning less than the official U.S. 2000 weighted poverty threshold for a family of four (\$17,600).

<sup>2</sup> Schooling completed: 12 years means that a person received a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent degree.

\* Significantly different from all hired farmworkers 25 years of age and older at the 95-percent confidence level.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Current Population Survey earnings microdata file.